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EXDIS-FOR SHOESMITH FROM KEN BLEAKLEY

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SUBJECT: CHIEFS OF MISSION CONFERENCE
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WHILE REFTEL STATES THAT WE ARE THINKING OF EITHER BANGKOK
OR HONG KONG FOR THE COM CONFERENCE THE SENTIMENT I HAVE
DETECTED SO FAR WOULD INDICATE THAT HONG KONG IS LIKELY
TO BE THE CHOICE. KEN QUINN, ABOUT TO DEPART FOR A DETAIL
AT THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE IN IOWA, AND DENNIS HARTER HAVE
BRIEFED ME ON THE EXTRAORDINARY EFFORT YOU PUT INTO
MAKING LAST YEAR'S CONFERENCE SUCH A SUCCESS. WE ARE
RELUCTANT TO IMPOSE UPON YOU TWO YEARS IN A ROW IF YOU
BELIEVE IT WILL PLACE AN UNDUE BURDEN ON THE CONGEN.

I PASS THESE THOUGHTS ALONG TO YOU NOW SO THAT YOU CAN TAKE
THEM INTO ACCOUNT IN FRAMING YOUR REPLY TO REFTEL AND IN
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MAKING YOUR OWN PLANS. IF HONG KONG IS THE SITE I LOOK
FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU ON PREPARATIONS.
CHRISTOPHER

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